

# ST. AUGUSTINE AIRPORT

# NEWSLETTER



## APRIL 2026 EDITION

Welcome to the April edition of the St. Augustine Airport Monthly Update! Each month, we strive to bring you the latest news, insights, and highlights from our airport community. This newsletter is designed to keep pilots, tenants, and community members informed and engaged.

This month, we celebrate the hard work of our Operations team, share updates on upcoming events in St. Johns County, and feature a unique aircraft that recently visited our airfield. You'll also find helpful safety tips to ensure a secure and efficient airport environment, along with messages from our board members and executive leadership.

Whether you're a frequent visitor, a pilot, or a local resident interested in aviation, we hope this newsletter provides a window into the activity, projects, and people that make St. Augustine Airport a vital part of our region. -Dylann Budd, Editor.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

"As we move through 2026, I am encouraged by the continued momentum and growth we are seeing at St. Augustine Airport. Our team remains focused on maintaining a safe, compliant, and well-managed airport while positioning SGJ for long-term success. The full lease-up of our newly constructed T-hangars highlights the strong demand for aviation facilities and the continued growth of general aviation activity in our region.

At the same time, the Authority is advancing several key infrastructure initiatives, including roadway improvements, utilities expansion, and long-range airfield planning. We are also beginning to position the airport for Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) opportunities as this emerging sector continues to develop.

With increasing interest and positive attention on the airport, we remain committed to responsible growth that benefits our tenants, community, and aviation partners." –Courtney Pittman, Interim Executive Director.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Town Hall Meeting: Join us April 1st from 3:00 to 4:30 PM at the Air Terminal for updates, discussion, and engagement with leadership
- Board Meeting: Scheduled for April 8th at 9:00 AM in the Conference Center. Attendance is encouraged

## SAFETY CORNER

Airport events like Wings and Wheels bring excitement—but also require extra attention to runway safety. Increased foot traffic, vehicles, and equipment near active airfield areas can create hazards. Staff, volunteers, and contractors must follow signage, stay aware of runway boundaries, and coordinate with airport operations before entering any active zones. Temporary measures like barriers and escorts help keep everyone safe. Staying alert, following protocols, and working together ensures a secure environment for visitors, pilots, and ground crews during every event.



## AIRCRAFT OF THE MONTH



The Cessna 172 Skyhawk is one of the most widely used and recognizable aircraft in general aviation. First introduced in 1956, it has become a staple for flight training and personal flying due to its reliability, stability, and ease of handling. The aircraft typically seats four people and is powered by a single piston engine. Known for its high-wing design and excellent visibility, the Skyhawk continues to be a favorite among pilots and flight schools worldwide.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

We want to recognize and thank our Administration and Maintenance teams for their invaluable support during this year's Wings & Wheels event. From assisting with setup, coordinating logistics, and managing the airfield, to helping vendors and guiding visitors, their efforts behind the scenes ensured the event ran safely and smoothly.

Their dedication and teamwork make a big difference every time, helping staff and volunteers focus on creating a great experience for the community. We appreciate all they do to support airport operations and events, showcasing the professionalism of St. Augustine Airport.

# SGJ PICTURE CORNER

## T-HANGAR RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



## BEHIND THE SCENES: WINGS AND WHEELS PLANNING MEETING



## ST. JOHNS FIREFIGHTERS IN ACTION: AIRBOAT TRAINING



## LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS AT WINGS & WHEELS



## AVIATION IN ACTION: AIRFIELD SHOTS

